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Sport journals are a popular genre in a community with a high population of men. However, some women may enjoy watching and playing sports as well but not as much as men do. Journals are written mostly for those who are busy and can't watch every game or ESPN to keep up with all the recent news. During a guys night out the topic of the conversation is usually sports. With that being said, no guy wants to be left out of a conversation because he doesn't know what is going on in the sports world.

There are many different types of sport journals. There are some journals that speak upon recent injuries. For example ESPN has a section just on injuries. Throughout these journals the journalists provide a status of the injured player and what their coach believes will happen. On that section they have Demarcus Cousins' status as "Cousins (quad) indicated at Monday's shootaround that he expects to play again before the end of the postseason..." (**Rotowire**). It also provides the season stats for that player and a little bit about the player like their full name, their height and weight, their date of birth, the college they attended and the year they were drafted. To use the same example again, for Demarcus Cousins they have listed that he is 6'11", he weighs 270 lbs, he went to Kentucky and was drafted in 2010, he is now 28 and was born on 8/13/ 1990 and his status is currently "out". Players get injured easily so the journalists who are

responsible for that section need to be quick and informative. Another type of journal is just an everyday journal. Many people use a personal journal, this is the same thing except it's about sports. In these sections, journalists provide everyday news. One of the journalists who work for NY Daily News says "Tyler Wade makes up for baserunning blunder and scores the winning run as Yankees rally to keep win streak alive" (**K Ackert**). She informs fans on recent news in case they missed the game or maybe someone ran to the bathroom real quick and missed the play. Some popular journalists are Bill Simmons, Stephen A. Smith and Bob Costas.

If a player passed another players stats and it's capable of making history, a journal is written. If a player is having difficulty playing their sport, a journal is written. The readers are informed about anything and everything. Another source will be The Sportsfan Journal, this website is reliable and is very popular in the sports community. One of their recent journals state "On February 15th, it was reported by several outlets that Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid reached a settlement with the NFL over a building collusion case stemming from Kaepernick protesting police brutality against minorities by kneeling during the national anthem" (**J Tillman**). Along with The Sportsfan Journal, NY Daily News is also reliable to fans. Although this site is named after New York and posts about New York teams, the site also informs fans about other teams and different sports as well. The name is after New York simply because it originated there and later expanded.

Sport journals don't contain a message however they do have a purpose. Their purpose is to inform sport fans about any recent news regarding players or a specific team. All journals inform fans in some way and give them knowledge about recent plays, trades, draft picks or even injuries. Most of these journals are written with a bold title in which will usually be in a very

large font. Then the actual description will be much smaller. This allows the journalists to catch the reader's attention and want to continue reading. As for language, the journalists usually use very dramatic words to make situations seem worse than what they really are just so the readers will continue reading. After reading through the dramatic detailed journals, some fans share them with friends who are also interested.

Personally sport journals are important to me because I love watching and playing sports and I plan to study Broadcasting Sports. Now that I am in college and also working it is difficult for me to find the time to play sports and for me to even catch up on some of the recent news. These journals help me stay informed and build my knowledge about sports and specific players. With ESPN and other sources I stay informed with recent news and I also go to school, study, do homework and go to work. Even though I am busy throughout the day, these sources help me stay on track while still learning about the things I love the most, sports.

In conclusion, I have met many people as well as myself who depend on ESPN, Sportsfan Journal and NY Daily News to keep them informed. These sources are extremely reliable and are important to fans. Hopefully some fans feel influenced and begin writing their own journals about certain plays that occurred. Even if you practice everyday or even once a week, you will gain experience and eventually get better. More journalists are needed to pass on information about teams and players to those fans who are busy. So if anyone who has the smallest interest in sports journalism, they should do it and make a difference in the sports world.

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